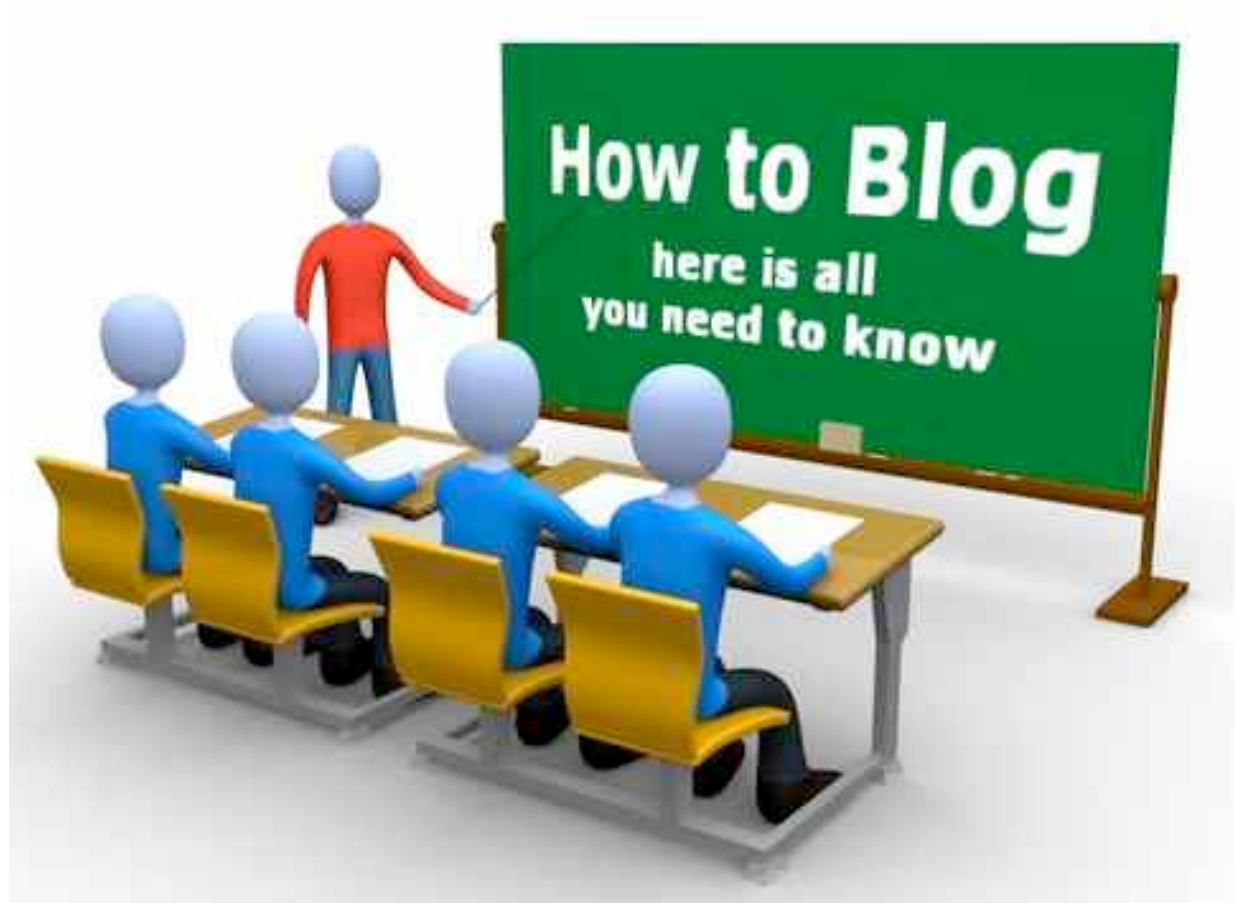
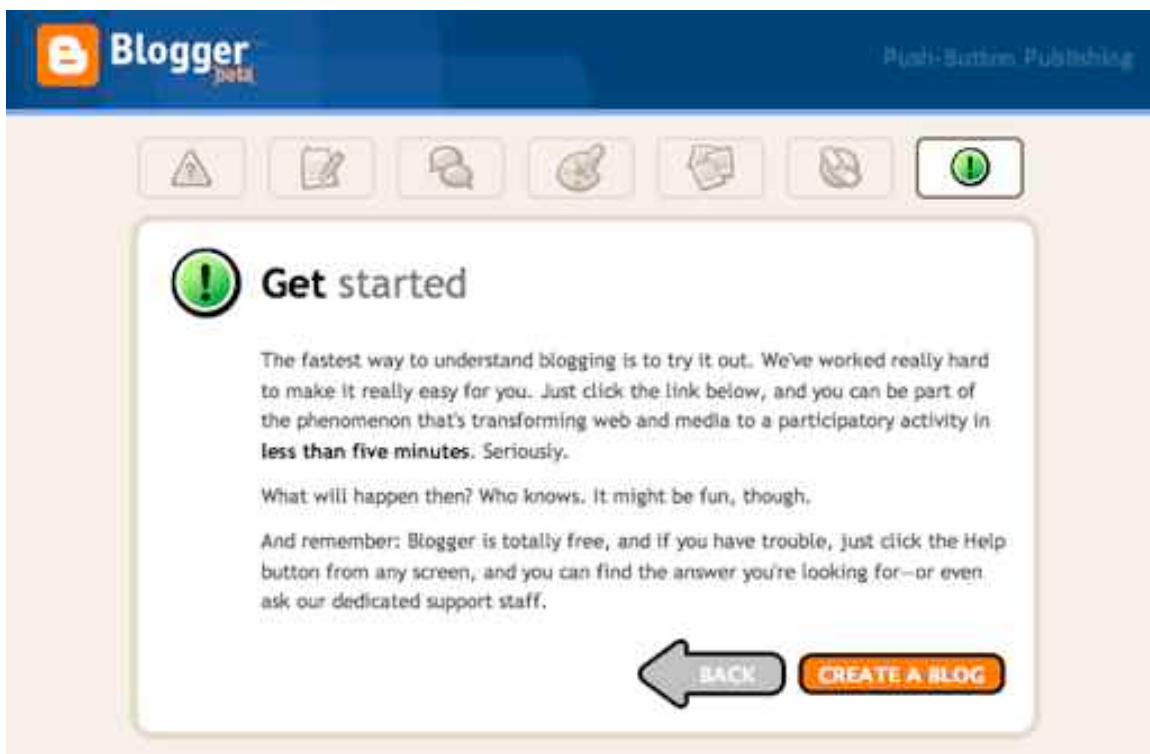


Blogging 101





<https://www.blogger.com/start>



Creating a blog is as easy as 1-2-3-4. Here are some easy steps for creating a Blogger account. Blogger is FREE website.

Why use Blogger?

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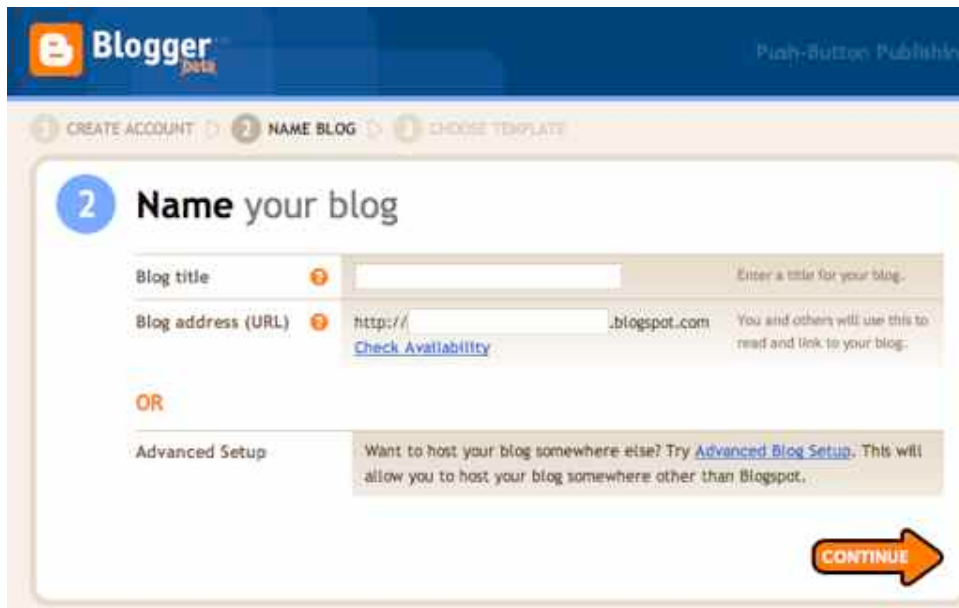
Many people use a blog just to organize their own thoughts, while others command influential, worldwide audiences of thousands. Professional and amateur journalists use blogs to publish breaking news, while personal journalers reveal inner thoughts.

*Whatever you have to say, **Blogger** can help you say it.*

A screenshot of the 'Create a Google Account' form. The form is titled '1 Create a Google Account' and includes the Google Accounts logo. It contains several input fields: 'Email address (must already exist)', 'Enter a password' (with a 'Password strength' indicator), 'Retype password', 'Display name', and 'Word Verification' (showing the word 'jurecks' in a stylized font). There is also a checkbox for 'Acceptance of Terms' with a link to 'Terms of Service'. A large orange arrow button labeled 'CONTINUE' is at the bottom right.

The first step to creating your **Blogger** account is to create a Google Account. Follow the steps on the website.

You can use your Gmail account or create a new Google account.



Blogger Push-Button Publishing

1 CREATE ACCOUNT 2 NAME BLOG 3 CHOOSE TEMPLATE

2 Name your blog

Blog title Enter a title for your blog.

Blog address (URL) http://.blogspot.com You and others will use this to read and link to your blog.
[Check Availability](#)

OR

Advanced Setup ☐ Want to host your blog somewhere else? Try [Advanced Blog Setup](#). This will allow you to host your blog somewhere other than Blogspot.

CONTINUE

Now you need to make up a name for your blog.

Some examples of other blogs include:
Shaaza's blog
Our centres blog
Teacher Blog.
Shaza's rave
Kids rock



Blogger Push-Button Publishing

1 NAME BLOG 2 CHOOSE TEMPLATE

2 Choose a template



Minima
Created by: Douglas Bowman
[preview template](#)



Minima Black
Created by: Douglas Bowman
[preview template](#)

Choose a custom look for your blog.

You can easily **change the template later**, or even create your own custom template design once your blog is set up.

CONTINUE

You can choose a template to get you started. You can change your template at a later if you wish.



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 [CREATE A BLOG](#) 

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Design your blog

Whether you're starting your blog or just think it's time to give your existing blog a facelift, Blogger's user-friendly editing tools help you easily design a great-looking page.

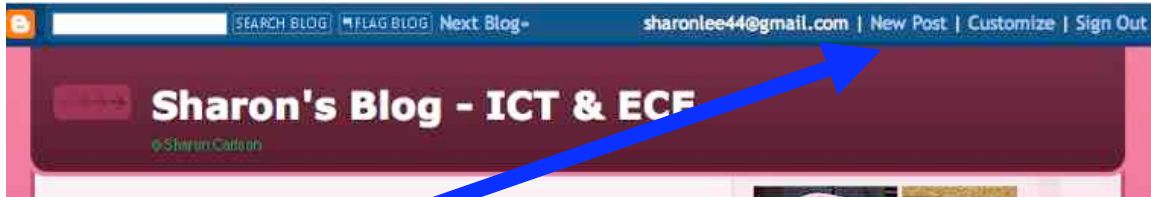
Templates — Our collection of templates will get you started with an attractive site right away without you having to learn any HTML, though Blogger also allows you to edit your blog's HTML code whenever you want.

Custom colors and fonts — When you're ready to take the next step, you can further customize our templates to create a design that perfectly reflects you and your blog.

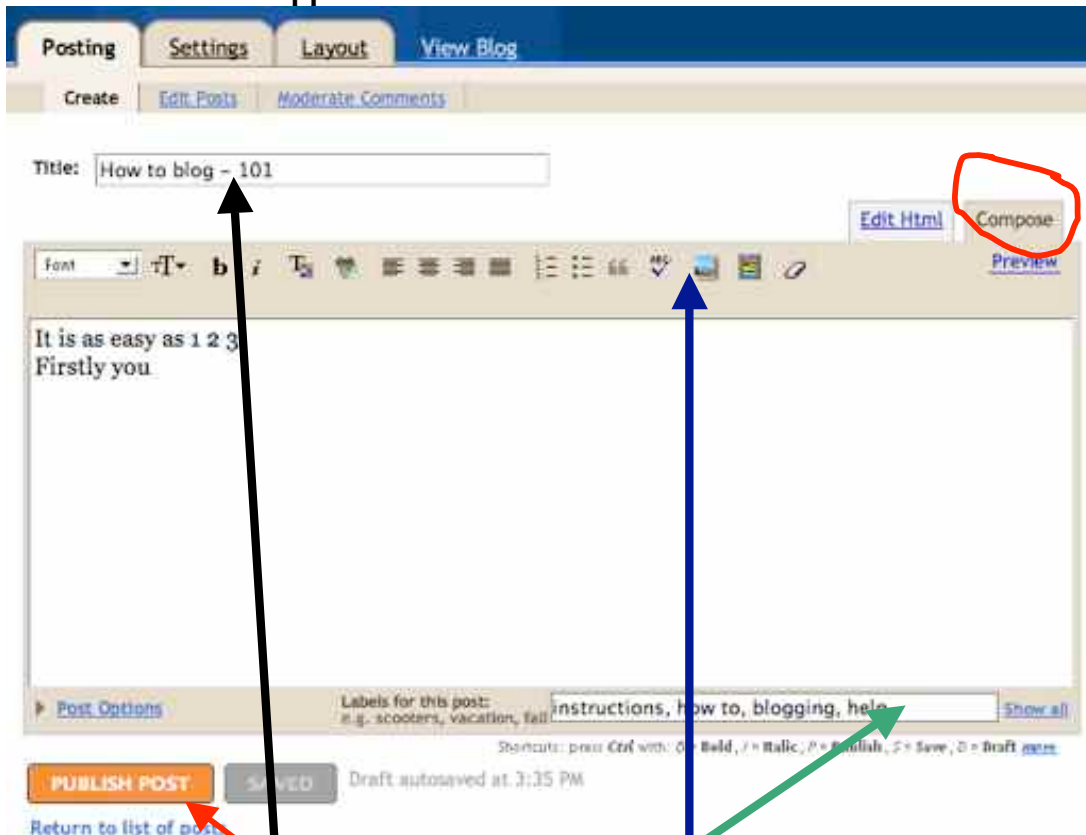
Drag-and-drop page elements — Blogger's simple drag-and-drop system lets you easily decide exactly where your posts, profiles, archives and other parts of your blog should live on the page.

 [CREATE A BLOG](#) 

Publishing on your Blog

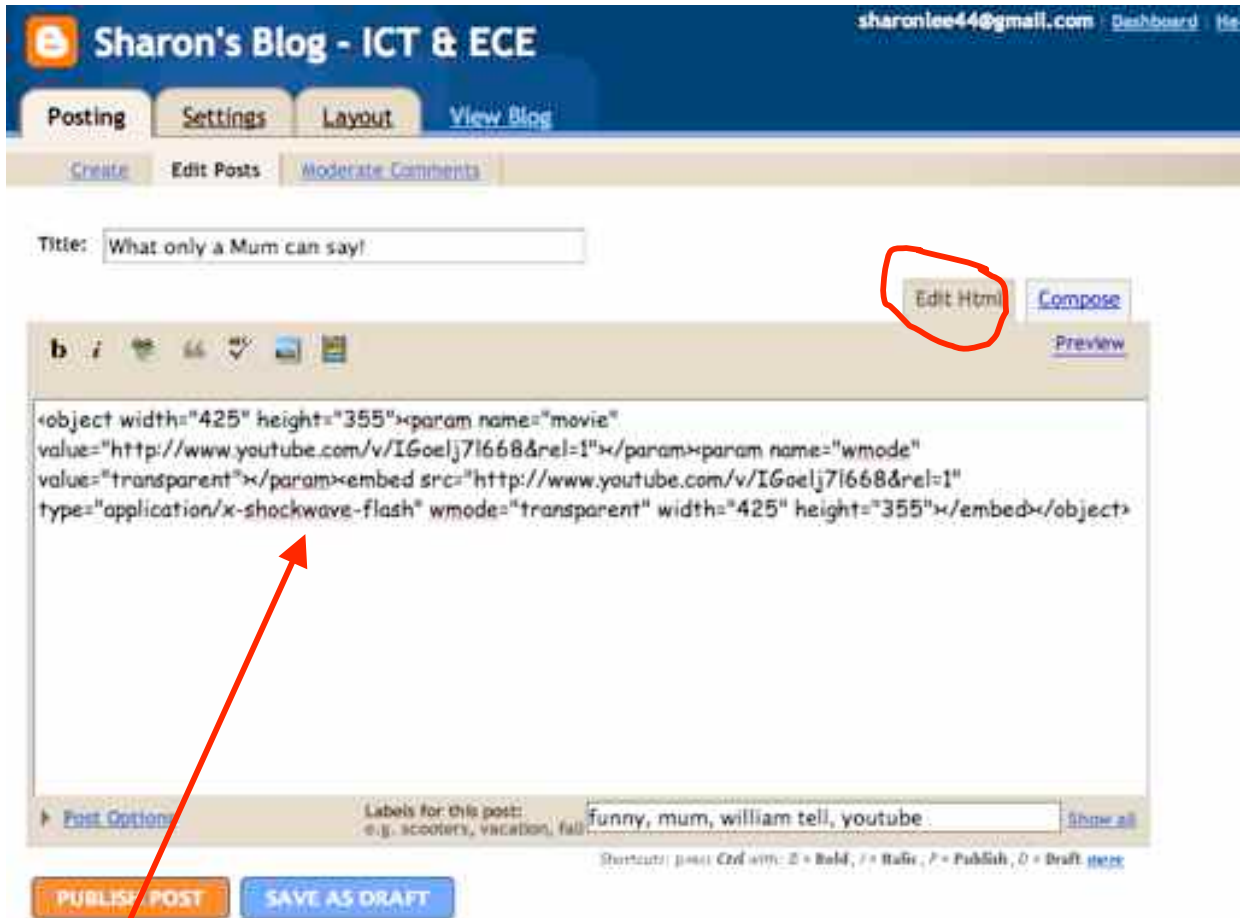


Click on New Post
The screen below appears



Name the post by Typing in your title
In the body type in your posting
You can add photos from your computer with this
bottom and one next to it is for
uploading movies from your computer i.e photostory3

It is useful to label or put name tags to your posting, just think if you were going to want to search for an item, what are all the possibilities you could call it?
When you are happy with your posting click on the Publish post button and it will appear on your blog.



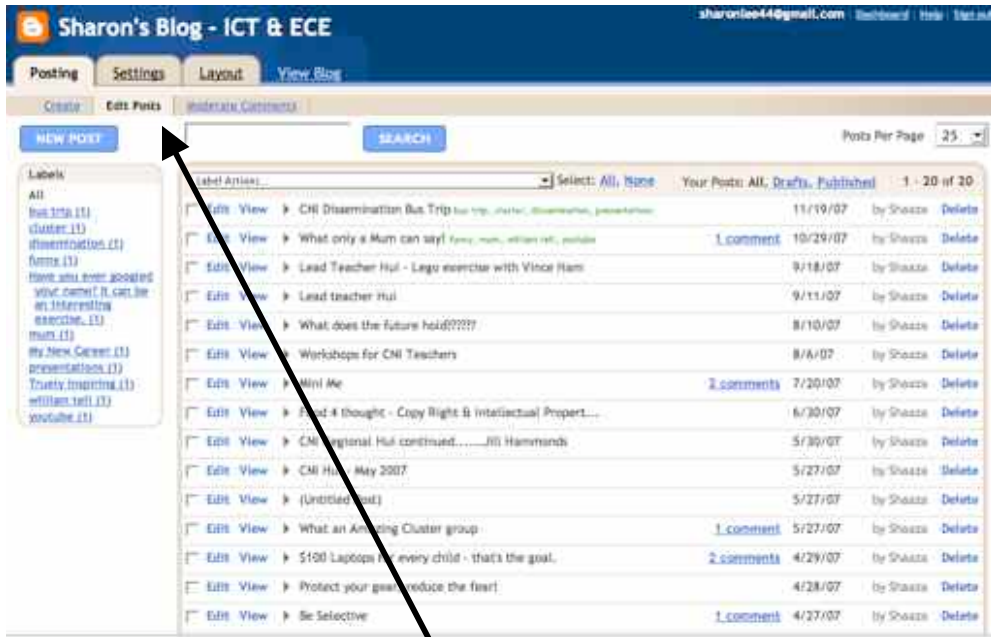
If you are going to post a slide show or a Youtube – www.youtube.com video the Html code goes here

Slideshows can be easily created using:

- www.rockyou.com
- www.photobucket.com
- www.bubbleshare.com
- www.smilbox.com



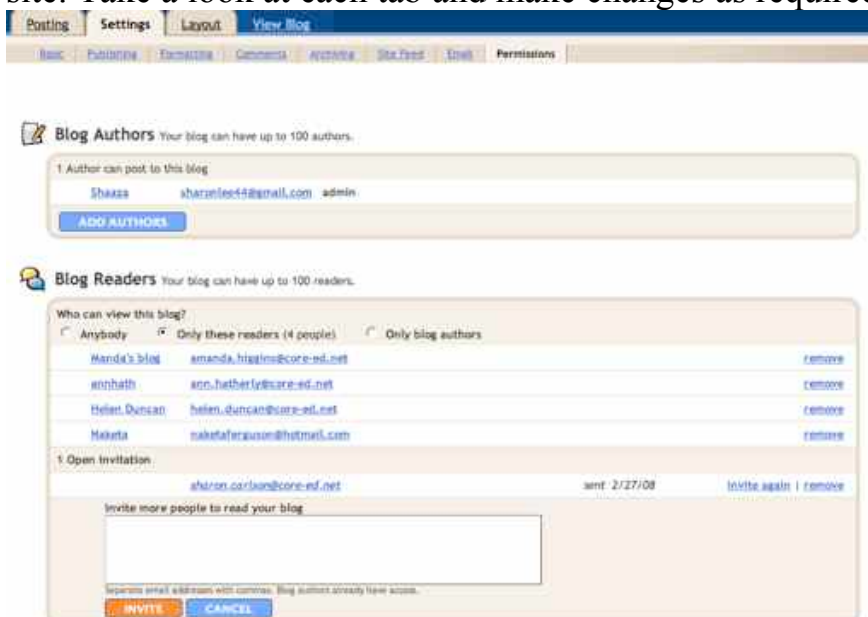
If you are going to be creating slideshows online it is important that you compress the size of photos as this considerably reduces the time it take to upload them.



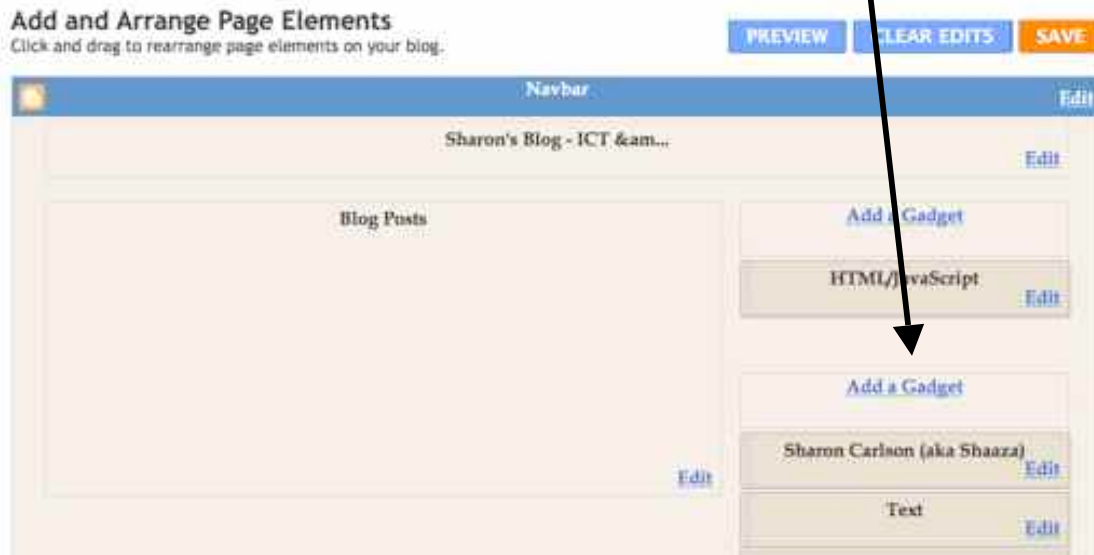
To edit a posting or add to it click here



Under settings you can set the time, country, permissions for an open or closed site. Take a look at each tab and make changes as required.



In the Layout area you are given an overview of the bones of your template and this is where you can personalise, pretty up and add gadgets to the layout of your blog template.



There are many gadgets that can be added to your template, but consider your audience:



What will they want to see?



Does it have adverts attached




Is it appropriate??

How to post a comment on a blog site:

For invited readers:

1. Create a Google account:

<https://www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount>



1 Create a Google Account

This process will create a Google account that you can use on other Google services. If you already have a Google account perhaps from Gmail, Google Groups, or Orkut, please [sign in first](#)

Email address
(must already exist)

Enter a password
[Password strength:](#)

Retype password

Display name

Word Verification

Type the characters you see in the picture to the left.

Acceptance of Terms
☐ I accept the [Terms of Service](#)

Indicate that you have read and understand Blogger's Terms of Service.

CONTINUE

2. Click on the link you have received from the centre in your email account. Sign in using your new Google account access name and password.



This blog is open to invited readers only

<http://10percentdiscount.blogspot.com/>

If you are a reader of this blog, tell us who you are! Sign in using your **Google Account**.

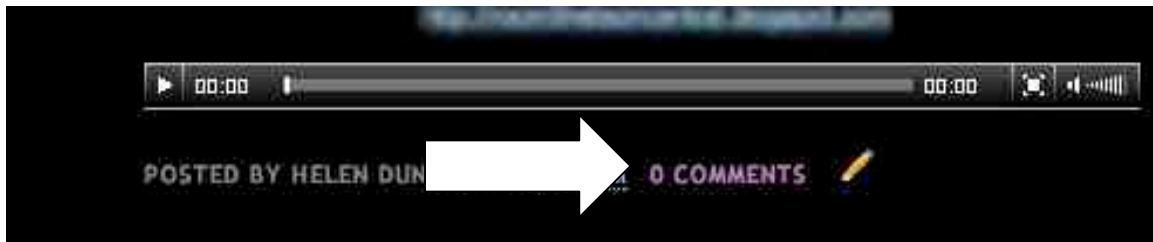
Username (Email)

Password [Forgot your password?](#)

Remember Me? ☐ This is not recommended for shared computers!

SIGN IN

A blog entry is called a post – scroll down to the bottom of the post that you wish to comment on. Click on the comments link.



3. This will take you to a page like this. Type in your comment and click on the “Publish your comment” button.



4. Your comments will not be published immediately but will be available to view shortly or when the owner of the site has allowed it to be posted onto their site.

You might like to take a look at this youtube – how to start a blog video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bU4gXHkejMo>

Or visit my “how to Blog” blog site

www.eceblogging.blogspot.com



Now it's time to have some discussions with your team and plan for your blogs future development. What's your purpose? What do you want on it? Consider your audience – what do they need and want to know and share? What will entice your audience to return? Planning becomes essential in establishing and developing a blog.

Possibilities for blogs and future postings:

- Ⓢ Centre and operation information: hours, cost, philosophy, mission statement, contacts details etc.
- Ⓢ Transition information
- Ⓢ Events shared through learning stories, video, photos and slideshows
- Ⓢ Weekly journal – working smarter
- Ⓢ Staff information – first names, photos, qualifications, interests
- Ⓢ Events calendar
- Ⓢ Parent comments and feed back
- Ⓢ Parent contributions and voices
- Ⓢ Newsletters, notices
- Ⓢ Uploading small videos, photostory3
- Ⓢ Podcasting
- Ⓢ E-portfolios
- Ⓢ ?????



Centre4 has all the facilitators and some centre blogs that may be of interest to see how they can be used. There is also a blog spotlight by Manaia Kindergarten with a wealth of information that will be very useful. Looking at others blogs - critiquing what works well and what doesn't. Manaia Kindergartens blog is also worth a look as it has developed into a useful tool for teachers, children, families and whānau. It is also worth doing a search on new entrant and primary school blogs to see how they produce and utilise a blog site.

A useful Blog book - *Publishing a Blog with Blogger 2005*, Author - Elizabeth Castro.

Blogs worth viewing

- Ⓢ <http://blog.core-ed.net/naketa/>
- Ⓢ <http://blog.core-ed.net/derek/>
- Ⓢ <http://blog.core-ed.net/greg/>
- Ⓢ <http://manaiakindergarten.blogspot.com/>
- Ⓢ <http://10percentdiscount.blogspot.com/>
- Ⓢ <http://hurupakikindergarten.blogspot.com/>
- Ⓢ http://kdgroom102.blohttp://classblogmeister.com/blog.php?blogger_id=1638gspot.com/
- Ⓢ <http://eceblogging.blogspot.com>

Is blogging going to be action research focus this year? If so you will need to dig deeper into how to maximise this tool to achieve maximum participation and access for teachers and families.



Some discussion with families will also be essential in the very near future, as permissions will need to be sort for the posting of photos etc. Outlining “netiquette” of online participation and the protocols of the use of photos and leaving comments and uploading information online. Discussion around the importance and purpose of using the blog and the adding of comments and making contributions will heighten your success with this ICT intuitive. Maybe a parent evening to inform them of what’s been happening with the ICT project and a workshop on how they can read the blog and it’s uses. I am sure once they realise that only your families will be able to view this site they will feel comfortable in allowing their children’s photos and movies to be posted. I am happy to support you with this, please let me know how I can help. I look forward to seeing where this will lead, (don’t hesitate to ring or email if you wish to discuss this further).

Other considerations:

- Who will be responsible for regularly updating the blog?
- What role will children play in adding/creating postings?
- How will all teachers become comfortable in using the blog?
- What discussions and PD will be required between staff, families and children?
- Will the blog be private/public/invite only? And why?



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